

SUBJECT: Lorraine Hansberry

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY ACTS SECTION

SUBJECT: Lorraine Hansberry

FILE NUMBER: 62-60527

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July 21, 1952

LORRAINE HANSBERRY - SUMMARY

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It was reliably reported in December 1951 that Lorraine Hansberry was listed among the writers of a periodical entitled "New Challenge." This newspaper is published by the Labor Youth League, which organization has been designated as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

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Page 7 of the magazine section of the May 25, 1952, issue of the "Worker" carried an article indicating that Lorraine Hansberry, who was a delegate to the Montevideo Inter-Continental Peace Congress, would take part in a festival sponsored by the American Peace Crusade and the New York Peace Institute, held May 28, 1952, at the St. Nicholas Arena, New York City. The American Peace Crusade was cited by the House Committee on Un-American Activities as an organization which "the Communists established."

The information herein is a resume of that appearing in the files of this Bureau. Investigation of this individual has been instituted in the field and the results will be made available to you upon receipt.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY ACTS SECTION

SUBJECT: Lorraine Hansberry

FILE NUMBER: 100-393031

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Date 9/20/60

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RE: LORRAINE VIVIAN HANSBERRY NEMIROFF

SM-C

(NY 100 - 107297)

☐ For information

☐ For appropriate action

☐ The enclosed is for your information. If used in future report, conceal all sources, ☐ paraphrase contents.

☐ Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA dated _____

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REMARKS:

Reurp 9/9/60
Appears advisable that passport and travel info, as in the case of subject's husband, be reported in current report. See amended pages promptly by R/S.

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DATE 4/16/81

BY SP-1 BARRY

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Reporting Office NEW YORK	Office of Origin NEW YORK	Date 9/9/60	Investigative Period 7/25/60 - 9/9/60
TITLE OF CASE LORRAINE VIVIAN HANSBERRY NEMIROFF aka		Report made by [REDACTED] b7c	Typed By CAS
CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C		ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE	
REFERENCE: DATE [REDACTED] BY [REDACTED]		Class. & Ext. By SP-1 [REDACTED] Reason-FCIM II, 1-2.4.2 2 Date of Review 4/16/91 b7c	
Report of SA [REDACTED]		10/19/59, at NY. 4/16/81	

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ADMINISTRATIVE

The pretext utilized in ascertaining subject's residence and employment was [REDACTED] **b7c b7E**

The pretext utilized in ascertaining that subject could not travel to Europe in 1959 was an interview with subject conducted by SA [REDACTED] The pretext was [REDACTED] **b7c b7E**

Investigation fails to reflect that subject has utilized her passport for foreign travel.

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6. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____
7. ☐ This report is classified _____ because (state reason) _____
8. ☐ Subject previously interviewed (dates) _____
☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) subject is employed as a Free Lance Writer, whose recent past success has given the subject great notoriety in the New York Press. In addition to this, subject's play, "A Raisin in the Sun" is currently being filmed in Hollywood. An interview at this time is deemed inadvisable since it could be a source of embarrassment to the Bureau.
9. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) _____

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of:

Date:

SEP 9 1960

Office: New York, New York

Field Office File No.:

New York 100-107297

Bureau File No.: 100-393031

Title:

LORRAINE VIVIAN HANSBERRY NEMIROFF

Character:

SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis:

Subject resides at 337 Bleecker Street, New York City, and is a self-employed Free Lance Writer. Subject issued Passport number 1622640 on 5/27/59.

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DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

Residence and Employment

On September 2, 1960, by means of a pretext, it was ascertained by a Special Agent (SA) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) that LORRAINE NEMIROFF resides at 337 Bleecker Street, New York City, and is self-employed as a Free Lance Writer, working from her residence.

Passport Data

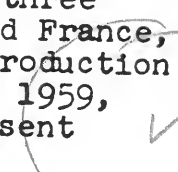
The records of the Passport Office, Department of State, furnished to the FBI by letter dated June 18, 1959, reflect that LORRAINE HANSBERRY NEMIROFF, 337 Bleecker Street, New York, New York, was issued Passport number 1622640 on May 27, 1959.

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These records further reflect that NEMIROFF was scheduled to depart from New York City in July for a three months stay abroad. She intended to visit England and France, and the purpose of her trip was listed as "overseas production of play". In her passport application filed May 13, 1959, NEMIROFF did not answer the questions relating to present and past membership in the Communist Party (CP). 

The CP, USA, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

NEMIROFF's mailing address was listed as c/o HANSBERRY, 1145 Hyde Park Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois.

On September 16, 1959, by means of a pretext, it was ascertained by a SA of the FBI that subject indicated she wanted to travel to Europe but did not have the time to go at that time.

II. MISCELLANEOUS

Confidential informants who are acquainted with certain phases of Communist activity in the New York City area, advised during August, 1960, after viewing a photograph of NEMIROFF, they had no knowledge of her current activities.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office NEW YORK	Office of Origin NEW YORK	Date 9/6/61	Investigative Period 7/27 - 8/30/61
TITLE OF CASE LORRAINE VIVIAN HANSBERRY NEMIROFF aka		Report made by [REDACTED] b7c	Typed By: jxb
		CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C	

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REFERENCE

Report of SA **[REDACTED]** dated 9/9/60, at New York.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

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6. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
7. ☒ This report is classified Confidential because (state reason) it contains information from a current valuable source of the FBI (NY T-1). It is felt that the unauthorized disclosure of information attributed to this source could compromise it and thus be injurious to the National Defense.
8. ☐ Subject previously interviewed (dates) _____.
8. ☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) subject is employed as a free lance writer whose success in the recent past has given the subject great notoriety in the NY press. Her play, "A Raisin in the Sun" has been made into a current motion picture attracting national interest. It is felt an interview of subject could possibly constitute a source of embarrassment to this Bureau.
9. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) [REDACTED]
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Title:

LORRAINE VIVIAN HANSBERRY NEMIROFF

Character:

SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis:

[REDACTED] b7c

Informants cognizant of some Communist activity in the NY area were contacted and shown a photograph of the subject during July and August, 1961, and could furnish no information concerning her.

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DETAILS

I. BACKGROUND

Residence and Employment

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II. MISCELLANEOUS

During July and August, 1961, informants cognizant of some Communist activity in the New York area were contacted and shown a photograph of the subject and could furnish no new or additional information concerning her.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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New York, New York

September 6, 1961

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Bureau 100-393031
New York 100-107297

Title Lorraine Vivian Hansberry Nemiroff

Character Security Matter - C

Agent [REDACTED] Reference is made to the report of Special
New York. dated and captioned as above, at b7c

All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced
communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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REPORTING OFFICE NEW YORK	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK	DATE 9/6/62	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 7/19/62-8/31/62
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		CHARACTER OF CASE SM - C ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE	

REFERENCE:Report of SA [REDACTED]
at New York

dated 9/6/62, b7c

ADMINISTRATIVE:

The pretext on 8/30/62, to the subject's residence
at 337 Bleecker Street, New York City, was contacted by
SA [REDACTED] b7c
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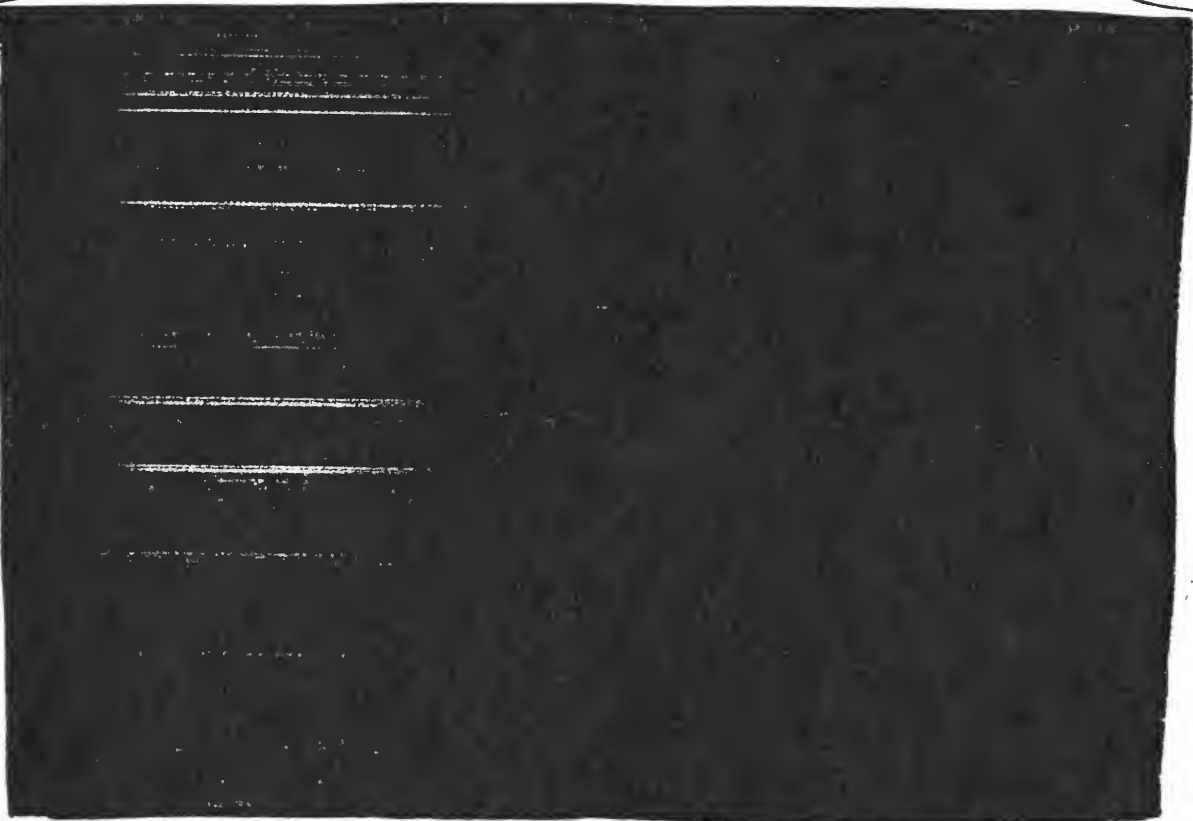
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It is noted that subject and her husband reside at two different addresses, the husband living at 337 Bleecker Street, NYC, and the subject living at 112 Waverly Place, New York City. It is believed that the purpose for these two addresses is for business reasons inasmuch as during the above mentioned pretext subject's husband stated that his wife was unavailable and had "retreated" to her private residence at 112 Waverly Place, where she was unavailable for interview. The subject's husband mentioned that this was the customary practice of his wife whenever she was engaged in writing. ✓



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 7. ☐ This report is classified _____ because (state reason) _____
 8. ☐ Subject previously interviewed (dates) _____
☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) _____ of the possibility of embarrassment to the Bureau as a result of the subject's notoriety in the New York Press.
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In view of this information reflecting the
NEMIROFFS may possibly hold membership in a
professional group, it is recommended that they
not be deleted from the SI at this time. For
the Bureau's information.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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New York, New York

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Bureau File No.:

100-393031

Title:

LORRAINE VIVIAN HANSBERRY NEMIROFF

Character:

SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis:

Subject resides at 112 Waverly Place, New York, New York, and is self-employed as a free lance writer. Informants cognizant of some Communist activity in the New York area could furnish no current information concerning the subject.

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DETAILS:I. BACKGROUNDResidence and Employment

On August 30, 1962, by means of a pretext by a Special Agent (SA) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), it was ascertained that the subject resides at 112 Waverly Place, New York, New York, and is a self-employed free lance writer working from her residence.

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II. MISCELLANEOUS

During July and August, 1962, confidential informants cognizant of some Communist activity in the New York area, were contacted and shown a photograph of the subject, but could furnish no current information concerning her.

SAC, New York (100-107297)
(100-106019)

September 19, 1962

Director, FBI (100-393031) - 46
(100-388986)

LORRAINE VIVIAN MANSBERRY NEUROFF
SECURITY MATTER - C

Reureps 9-6-62.

Cover pages D and E contain considerable information furnished by [redacted] which does not appear to have been reported. Since this information could materially influence the subjects' Security Index status, it should be reported in appropriate paraphrased form if at all possible. Handle promptly by submission of additional reports or amended pages to rereps. Also, resubmit your Security Index recommendations.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Both subjects in Security Index. Unreported information, which has not been reported for unknown reason, indicates possible Communist Party affiliation by subjects in 1962.

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TITLE OF CASE LORRAINE VIVIAN HANSBERRY NEMIROFF aka		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] b7c	TYPED BY mjf
		CHARACTER OF CASE SM - C	

REFERENCE

Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 9/6/62, b7c
at NY; Bulet to NY dated 9/19/62.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Referenced Bulet dated 9/19/62, sets forth instructions therein that the information as set out in cover pages D and E of referenced report dated 9/6/62, as furnished by [REDACTED] should be set forth in appropriate paraphrased form if at all possible in a report since this information could materially influence the subject's SI status. Referenced letter also instructs NY to handle by submission of additional reports or amended pages. b7d

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The pretext on 8/30/62, to the subject's residence at 337 Bleecker Street, NYC, was conducted by SA [REDACTED] b7C
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It is noted that the subject and spouse reside at two different addresses, the wife living at 112 Waverly Place, NYC, and the husband residing at 337 Bleecker Street, NYC. It is believed that the purpose of these two addresses is for business reasons inasmuch as during the above mentioned pretext subject's spouse stated that his wife was unavailable and had "retreated" to her private residence at 112 Waverly Place, where she was unavailable for interview. The spouse mentioned that this was the customary practice of his wife whenever she was engaged in writing.

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 6. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
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- of the possibility of embarrassment to the Bureau as a result of the subject's notoriety in the NY Press.
9. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) _____
- of the subject's possible membership in a "professional group" in the Village Section (Instant Report).
11. ☒ Subject's SI card ☐ is ☒ is not tabbed Detcom.
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Copy to:

Report of:

Date:

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Office: New York, New York

Field Office File No.: 100-107297

Bureau File No.: 100-393031

Title:

LORRAINE VIVIAN HANSBERRY NEMIROFF

Character:

SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis:

Subject resides at 112 Waverly Place, NY, NY, and is self-employed as a free lance writer. Subject reportedly friendly with the "Guardian Crowd".

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DETAILSI. BACKGROUNDResidence and Employment

On August 30, 1962, by means of a pretext by a Special Agent (SA) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) it was ascertained that the subject resides at 112 Waverly Place, New York, New York, and is self-employed as a free lance writer working from her residence.

II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENTAssociates

On October 2, 1962, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised SA [REDACTED] that it is not known to her if the subject is a current CP member. However, it was overheard at a fund raising party sponsored by Clubs Number 1 and 2 of the Greenwich Village

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Section CP on June 22, 1962, that the subject was friendly with the "Guardian Crowd". It was [redacted] interpretation of this that the subject is probably friendly with NORVAL WELCH who also resides in the Village Section of New York City, and who is connected with the "National Guardian". [redacted] based her opinion on the close proximity of the subject's residence to that of WELCH, both of whom reside in the Greenwich Village Section of New York. b7C b7D

On May 27, 1958, [redacted] b7C b7D

[redacted] advised SAS [redacted] and [redacted] that he knew NORVAL WELCH, a former National Maritime Union Agent in Honolulu, to be a member of the CP. (Specific dates of WELCH's CP membership not indicated).

A characterization of the "National Guardian" is attached hereto in the Appendix Section.

On July 30, 1962, [redacted] advised that in a discussion with [redacted] [redacted] stated that NORVAL WELCH "is a member of the professional group in the village and that he works for the 'National Guardian'". b7C b7D

[redacted] could furnish no additional information along these lines and could not elaborate any further concerning the "Guardian Crowd".

III. MISCELLANEOUS

During July and August, 1962, confidential informants who are familiar with certain phases of CP and CP front group activity in the New York City area were contacted and shown a photograph of the subject but could furnish no additional information concerning her.

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APPENDIX

"NATIONAL GUARDIAN"

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the "National Guardian":

"National Guardian

- "1. 'established by the American Labor Party in 1947 as a "progressive" weekly * * *. Although it denies having any affiliation with the Communist Party, it has manifested itself from the beginning as a virtual official propaganda arm of Soviet Russia.' (Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the ROSENBERGS and MORTON SOBELL, August 25, 1956, p. 12.)"

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REPORTING OFFICE NEW YORK	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK	DATE FEB 27 1964	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 12/2/63 - 2/24/64
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REFERENCE

Report of SA [REDACTED] NY, dated 10/5/62.

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The pretext on 2/13/64, was conducted by SA [REDACTED] b7c

Records of [REDACTED] reviewed by SA [REDACTED] 12/26/63, re the subject do not contain any information not in the possession of the NYO. b7c b7D

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6. ☒ This report is classified Confidential because (state reason)
it contains information from sources of continuing value, [REDACTED] the unauthorized disclosure of which would be detrimental to the defense interests of the United States. 61
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of subject's possible membership in a "professional group" in the Village Section, NY County CP (Report of SA [REDACTED] NY, 10/5/62), and because of her availability to such CP leaders as WILLIAM L. PATTERSON (instant report) 670
10. ☒ Subject's SI card ☐ is ☒ is not tabbed Detcom.
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DETAILSI. BACKGROUNDResidence and Employment

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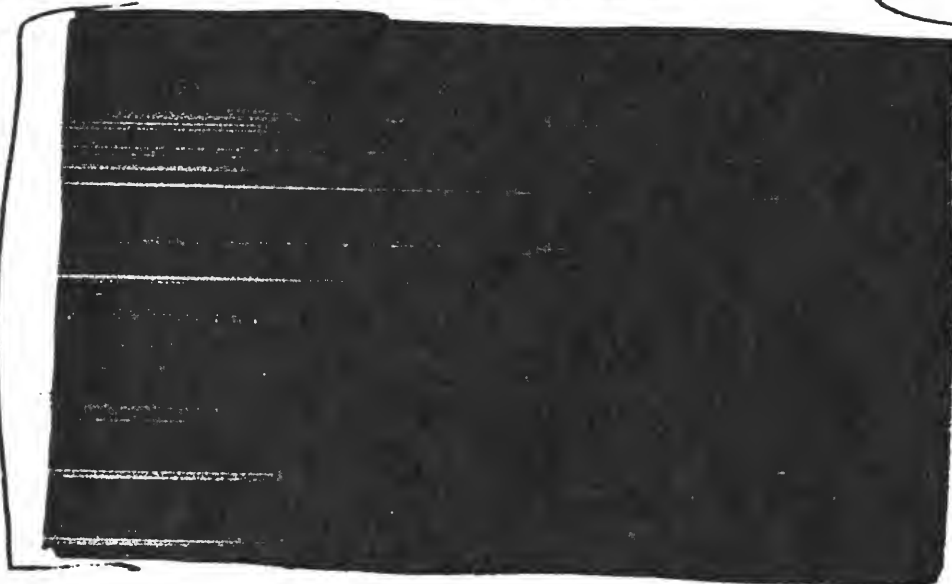
II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

A. CP Front Groups

New York Council to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee (NYCAHUAC)

A characterization of the NYCAHUAC is contained in the Appendix hereto.

The following informants advised on the indicated dates that LORRAINE HANSBERRY was one of the speakers on October 24, 1962, at a mass meeting sponsored by the NYCAHUAC at Manhattan Center, New York, New York:



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B. Miscellaneous CP Activity



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The Sunday edition of "The Worker", issue of November 26, 1961, featured an article on pages 1, 6 and 7, concerning the application and acceptance of Dr. W.E.B. DUBOIS into the CPUSA. The article stated that DUBOIS applied for membership in the CPUSA by letter dated October 1, 1961, and addressed to GUS HALL, General Secretary of the CPUSA.

"The Worker" is an East coast Communist newspaper.

The "New York Times", issue of August 28, 1963, page 33, carried an obituary that W.E.B. DUBOIS had died in Accra, Ghana, on August 27, 1963, at the age of 95.

"The Worker" issue of September 24, 1961, page 11, refers to WILLIAM L. PATTERSON as Chairman of the New York State CP.

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A characterization of Freedomways, Associates, Inc., is contained in the Appendix hereto.

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The Winter, 1963, issue of "Freedomways" contains an article, on page 31, "A Challenge to Artists" by LORRAINE HANSBERRY.

III. MISCELLANEOUS

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The SWP has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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The "National Guardian", October 31, 1963, page 11, contained an article entitled, "Guardian Peace Tour: 150 noted Americans Welcoming YASUI." In the article the name of "playwright, LORRAINE HANSBERRY" was listed as one of the members of the "National Welcoming Committee for the leader of the Japanese peace movement, Professor KAORU YASUI, who will make a ten day tour of the United States under Guardian auspices, 11/16-27."

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Certain informants who are familiar with various phases of CP activity in the New York City area were contacted in December, 1963, and January, 1964, and were shown a photograph of the subject. These informants advised that they did not have any information, or additional information, concerning the subject.

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APPENDIX

NEW YORK COUNCIL TO ABOLISH
THE HOUSE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES
COMMITTEE

On March 9, 1961, a source advised that the New York Council To Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee (NYCAUAC), 150 West 34th Street, New York City, New York, was formed at a meeting held in New York City on November 17, 1960. This organization was founded principally through the efforts of FRANK WILKINSON, Field Representative of the National Committee To Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee (NCAUAC).

A second source advised on September 17, 1952, that FRANK WILKINSON was a Communist Party member as of September, 1952.

A third source furnished on September 14, 1961, a copy of resolutions of the New York Council to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee (NYCAHUAC) which were adopted by the NYCAHUAC. One such resolution affirmed the intention to continue to work for the abolition of the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) and to continue its efforts to broaden the participation in this fight. Another resolution accepted as a modus vivendi the suggestion of the Field Representative of the "National Committee to Abolish the HCUA" (NCAHUAC) namely that local abolition committees may identify and co-ordinate their efforts as closely as they desire with NCAHUAC, still maintaining their autonomy for as flexible and independent a program as possible.

Various sources have advised during March, 1962, that Communist Party (CP) members in the New York City area have been solicited to support activities of the NYCAHUAC during attendance at CP club meetings.

On May 6, 1963, the first source advised that the NYCAHUAC continues to function from its office at 150 West 34th Street, New York City, New York.

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FREEDOMWAYS ASSOCIATES, INC.

The records of the New York Secretary of State, Albany, New York, show that the certificate of incorporation of Freedomways Associates, Incorporated, was filed on March 2, 1961.

The Spring, 1963, issue of "Freedomways" is self-described as "A Quarterly Review of the Negro Freedom Movement" published by Freedomways Associates, Incorporated, 799 Broadway, New York City.

On May 24, 1961, a source advised that a report was given on "Freedomways" at a meeting of the National Board, Communist Party, USA (CPUSA), held on May 24, 1961. It was stated that the original plan called for the publication to be openly Marxist, but that it was later decided it would not be avowedly a Marxist publication. Editorials are in the hands of a mixed group of Marxists and non-Marxists. It was stated that the central purpose of "Freedomways" is to develop a theory and positive criticism of currents in the Negro movement, as well as to raise the level of understanding and discussion taking place in Negro life today and to project a socialist and pro-Soviet orientation.

On May 25, 1961, another source advised that "Freedomways" was set up for the CPUSA by James Jackson, a member of the National Committee of the CPUSA.

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Character SECURITY MATTER - C

Reference Report of SA [REDACTED] b7c
dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (Bufile- 100-393031) DATE: 6/17/63

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-107297)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York
May 11, 1964

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ON 4/10/81

SSA NYC

Re: Lorraine Vivian
Hansberry Nemiroff

Lorraine Nemiroff, who is also known as Mrs. Robert Nemiroff and Lorraine Hansberry, resides at 337 Bleecker Street, New York, New York, and has a summer residence at Quaker Bridge Road, Croton-on-Hudson, New York. She is employed as a free lance writer from her residence.

Lorraine Nemiroff was born on May 19, 1930, at Chicago, Illinois. She was educated at the University of Wisconsin and Roosevelt College, Chicago, Illinois. She is married to Robert Nemiroff. Her main occupation, other than housewife, is playwright, and a recent notable play which was written by her is "A Raisin in the Sun", starring Sidney Portier. She is described as female, Negro, five feet five inches, 130 pounds, medium build, black hair, light brown eyes and light brown complexion.

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The 1953 Fall term catalogue for the Jefferson School of Social Science (JSSS) reflects Lorraine Nemiroff as an instructor of a class in literature of Negro people.

The JSSS has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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New York, New York

July 27, 1964

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SUBJECT: LORRAINE V. HANSBERRY NEMIROFF

REFERENCE: Memorandum dated 5/11/64.

Referenced communication contained subject's residence and/or employment address. A recent change has been determined and is being set forth below (change only specified):

Residence:

Employment: Playwright, Vivian Productions Incorporated
137 West 52nd Street, 3rd Floor,
New York, New York

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B4 Wednesday, Jan. 13, 1965 THE WASHINGTON POST

Lorraine Hansberry, Playwright, Dies at 34

NEW YORK, Jan. 13 (UPI)—Lorraine Hansberry, 34, prize-winning Broadway playwright, died today at University Hospital after a long bout with cancer.



Miss Hansberry was best known for her play, "A Raisin in the Sun," which was later filmed. Its Broadway run in 1959 won her the New York Critics' Circle Award for "best play of the year," making her the youngest native American dramatist to win this distinction. The filmed version won the Cannes Film Festival's special award in 1961.

She is currently represented on Broadway by "The Sign in Sidney Brustein's Window," which opened Oct. 15 to mixed reviews and has been kept alive by interested theatrical friends of Miss Hansberry. The playwright underwent treatment for cancer during rehearsals for the play and was released from the hospital for the opening. She re-entered the hospital Oct. 17 and did not leave again.

In private life Miss Hansberry was the wife of theatrical producer Robert Nem-

hoff. She was born in Chicago, attended the University of Wisconsin and came to New York in 1960. She worked as a tag writer in the fur industry while gaining experience as a writer.

Miss Hansberry had completed another work, "Les Blancs," which is tentatively scheduled for production later this season.

Tonight's performance of "The Sign in Sidney Brustein's Window" was canceled out of respect for the playwright.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-393031)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-107297) (-C-)

SUBJECT: LORRAINE V. HANSBERRY NEMIROFF
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(OO:NY)

DATE: 1/22/65

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Enclosed are an original and two copies of a LHM setting forth subject's death on 1/12/65.

Subject is included on the Security Index of the NYO and because of her death on 1/12/65, the SI cards concerning her are being cancelled in the NYO.

As subject was a nationally known playwright and the news of her death was carried by the major news wire services no further action is deemed necessary. Subject's case file will be placed in a closed status, UACB.

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